

WildlifeMapping

Data Collection Form Instructions

Name: Name of the observer that has been assigned an identification number. All participants are assigned identification numbers when they have gone through a workshop.

Observer Code: The three or four digit code you received at your training.

Description of Location: Try to describe the area based on the type of vegetation. For example, coniferous forest, low developed (lots of trees, lawns, parks, golf courses), medium developed (new housing developments, large apartment complexes, etc.), freshwater marsh surrounded by shrubs.

7.5' Topo Name: The name of the 7.5' Topographic map your site location is on (if known).

City/County: City or town and/or county where the observation occurred.

Date: The month and year (use all four digits for year). If a species is seen all year, enter the month code of 13.

Species: Try to identify the species. (Photographs are accepted, if you have questions on the identification.) Please do not omit the species if you are not sure. In such cases, put a ? after the species name.

Source of Identification: How did you find the animal? Did you see it, hear it, was it dead along the side of the road? Did you see tracks?

Latitude/Longitude: This figure can be determined from a USGS quadrangle map. If you can't find the latitude/longitude coordinates please submit a photocopy from a street map (with enough detail so we know where you were) with the form. We will send you the latitude/longitude coordinates for you to use on future forms.

How many did you find? Count the number of animals you see. If there are a lot, you can make an estimate. A quick way to estimate is to count 10 birds and estimate how many other sets of 10 birds you see. Remember, the identification of the animal is more important than the number of animals observed.

Habitat Code: *WildlifeMappers* that have attended workshops, or have requested the *WildlifeMapping* Data Collection Guidelines, have a complete set of materials including habitat identification codes. This may be left blank if you do not have the codes, but be sure to describe your location on the top of the form.

Return completed data sheets to: *WildlifeMapping* Coordinator
VA Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries
4010 West Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23230-1104



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Observer's Name: _____ Observer Code: _____

Description of Location: _____ 7.5' Topo Name: _____

City/County: _____

#	Date	ID Code/Species Name	Source (Heard, saw, etc..)	Latitude	Longitude	How many did you find? (estimate?)	Habitat Code (Primary and/or Secondary)
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